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SUMMARY: ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR ENE MADE GENERAL STATEMENT COVERING VARIETY OF ARMS CONTROL TOPICS IN FAMILIAR TERMS. HE ALSO TABLED WORKING PAPER SETTING FURTHER SERIES OF STEPS
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DISARMAMENT PROGRAM. PAKISTAN AMBASSADOR MADE STATEMENT WHICH ALSO TOUCHED ON RANGE OF ISSUES BUT WHICH WAS MOST NOTABLE FOR ITS COMMENTS ON NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION, PARTICULARLY IN CONNECTION WITH INDIAN TEST. INDIAN AMBASSADOR EXERCISED RIGHT OF REPLY AND PAK TOOK THE FLOOR AGAIN FOR MILD REBUTTAL. SOVIET AND UK DELEGATIONS TABLED AS CCD WORKING PAPER THE JOINT STATEMENT ON NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION ISSUED DURING WILSON VISIT TO MOSCOW. END SUMMARY.

1. AMBASSADOR ENE (ROMANIA) STATED WORLD SITUATION IS PARTICULARLY COMPLEX NOW, BEING CHARACTERIZED BY AGGRAVATION OF ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND POLITICAL "CONTRADICTIONS." INTERNATIONAL INSTABILITY IS ENDANGERING THE SECURITY OF PARTICULAR STATES AS WELL AS THE WHOLE WORLD. WHILE IT IS NECESSARY TO MAINTAIN PROGRESS TOWARDS DETENTE, IT IS EQUALLY IMPORTANT TO AVOID INDULGING IN ILLUSIONS ABOUT IT. ONE CANNOT SPEAK OF REAL DETENTE AND SECURITY IN THE WORLD AS LONG AS THE ARMS RACE CONTINUES. CCD HAS IMPORTANT ROLE TO PLAY IN HALTING THIS RACE, BUT IT HAS SO FAR BEEN DEPRIVED OF THE VISION AND DYNAMISM THAT IT SHOULD EXHIBIT. SOLUTION OF QUESTIONS IN THE DISARMAMENT FIELD REQUIRE THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF ALL COUNTRIES ON THE BASIS OF EQUALITY. MOST IMPORTANT TASK IS NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT BUT WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS, THE DISMANTLING OF MILITARY BASES, AND THE ENDING OF MILITARY BLOCKS ARE ALSO VITAL REQUISITES FOR DETENTE AND SECURITY, ESPECIALLY IN EUROPE. ENE ALSO TABLED WORKING PAPER SETTING FORTH FURTHER STEPS TO BE TAKEN WITHIN A DISARMAMENT PROGRAM. THESE INCLUDED BUDGET FREEZE, NUCLEAR PRODUCTION HALT, TROOP REDUCTIONS, FREE ZONES, AND ALSO CITED, WITHOUT ELABORATION, NEED FOR IMPROVING CCD'S WORK.

2. PAKISTAN AMBASSADOR YUNUS SAID CCD MUST PROVE ITSELF WORTHY OF THE CONFIDENCE GA HAD EXPRESSED IN IT THROUGH THE RESOLUTIONS PASSED LAST FALL. HE AGREED WITH CANADIAN AMBASSADOR BARTON'S CALL FOR A MORE ORDERLY APPROACH TO THE CCD'S WORK, AND SAID IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT FOR CCD'S OWN EFFORTS FOR COMMITTEE TO BE CONFIDENTIAL

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KEPT UP TO DATE ON US-SOVIET ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS. YUNUS SAID DANGER OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION HAD COME INTO SHARPER FOCUS NOW THAT THE RESTRAINTS OF THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY REGIME HAD BEEN BREACHED BY INDIA'S EXPLOSION OF A NUCLEAR DEVICE. INDIANS HAD STATED THAT EXPLOSION WAS FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES AND THAT IT WOULD NOT LEAD TO PRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THIS STATEMENT IS TO BE WELCOMED BUT DANGER OF PROLIF-

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ERATION STILL EXISTS. MOREOVER, INTENTIONS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGES OF POLICY AND GOVERNMENT. PAKISTAN DELEGATION HOPES CONSENSUS CAN BE REACHED TO THE EFFECT THAT WELCOME EXPRESSION OF PEACEFUL INTENT SHOULD BE "INSTITUTIONALIZED" IN ORDER TO PROVIDE NECESSARY SAFEGUARDS.

3. YUNUS SAID LACK OF CTB TENDED TO WEAKEN THE NPT REGIME. NONETHELESS, PAKISTAN RECOGNIZED THAT ACHIEVEMENT OF A CTB WAS TASK OF CONSIDERABLE MAGNITUDE AND TOOK COURAGE FROM FACT THAT MATTERS WERE MOVING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION, FOR EXAMPLE, THROUGH THRESHOLD TEST BAN. TTB'S 150 KILOTON THRESHOLD WAS PERHAPS TOO HIGH, BUT PAKS HOPE THIS MEASURE WILL BE FOLLOWED BY WIDER AGREEMENT. MEANWHILE, NPT IS DUE FOR REVIEW AND PAKS HOPE FOR MORE ACCESSIONS TO IT. PAKS ALSO HOPE THAT QUESTION OF SECURITY GUARANTEES WILL GET THE ATTENTION IT DESERVES. PRESENT GUARANTEES ARE INADEQUATE, AND ANY FURTHER DELAY IN STRENGTHENING THEM MIGHT CAUSE SETBACK FOR NPT.

4. TURNING TO OTHER ISSUES, YUNUS SAID PAKS ARE PREPARED TO COOPERATE IN ORGANIZATION AND WORK OF NUCLEAR FREE ZONE STUDY GROUP. THEY HOPE IT MAY LEAD TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF GENERAL GUIDELINES BUT FEEL THAT PROGRESS REGARDING CONCRETE PROPOSALS APPROVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY SHOULD CONTINUE SIDE BY SIDE WITH THE NFZ STUDY. ON CW, YUNUS SAID PAKS WERE EAGERLY AWAITING A JOINT US-SOVIET INITIATIVE AND THAT CCD OWED DEBT OF GRATITUDE TO JAPANESE FOR THEIR 1974 CW DRAFT CONVENTION. YUNUS WELCOMED US RATIFICATION OF GENEVA PROTOCOL PLUS BW CONVENTION AND EXPRESSED GUARDED SATISFACTION OVER VLADIVOSTOK SALT AGREEMENT. HE SAID PAKS ALSO LOOK FORWARD TO HELPING EXPLORE THE CONFIDENTIAL

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NEW FIELD OF RESTRAINTS ON ENVIRONMENTAL MODIFICATION.

5. INDIAN AMBASSADOR MISHRA, EXERCISING RIGHT OF REPLY, REITERATED FAMILIAR ARGUMENTS IN DEFENSE OF INDIAN TEST. PAKISTAN AMBASSADOR YUNUS MADE BRIEF, MILDLY-TONED REBUTTAL. USSR AND UK CIRCULATED AS CCD DOCUMENT TEXT OF THEIR 17 FEBRUARY 1975 JOINT DECLARATION ON NON-PROLIFERATION.

6. NEXT PLENARY TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 10:30 AM. DALE

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